

## LOCAL MATTERS.

**CHURCH SERVICES, &c., TO-MORROW.**  
**CHRIST CHURCH**—Service at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. by Rev. Mr. Dame.  
**ST. PAUL'S CHURCH**—Service at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. by Rev. Mr. Norton.  
**GRACE CHURCH**—Service at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. by Rev. Mr. Sprague.  
**ST. MARY'S CHURCH**—Mass at 7 and 11 a. m. Vespers at 4 p. m.  
**UNION PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH** (First Church)—Service in the morning and at night by Rev. Dr. Balloch.

**SECOND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**—Service morning and night by Rev. Mr. Dinwiddie.  
**METHODIST CHURCH**—Service at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. by Rev. W. C. Webb. Subject at night, "The Open Door." In the Church's highest prerogative. (Rev. H. S. J.) At 6:30 p. m. young people's meeting.

**METHODIST CHURCH**—Service at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. by Rev. W. K. Boyle.  
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**BAPTIST CHURCH**—Service morning and night by Rev. Mr. Penick.  
**GERMAN LUTHERAN CHURCH**—Service at 7 p. m. by Rev. W. C. Lueders.

**YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION**—Prayer meeting in the Union Presb. Church at 4 p. m. Also at 23 p. m. Jail at 3 p. m. Union prayer meeting next Thursday night, at 7:30 o'clock, in the M. E. Church South.

**WEATHER PROGNOSTICATIONS**—The Department of the Chief Signal Officer, Wash. D. C., Dec. 8, 1877—1877-1878 a. m.—For the Middle States, falling, followed by rising barometer, warmer, fresh to brisk southerly winds veering to colder westerly, and north-wind, clear or partly cloudy. Weather more probable.

**TO CHRISTMAS ADVERTISERS**—The holiday season is now rapidly approaching, and the people generally are beginning to look around for the cheapest and best places to purchase their Christmas presents and supplies. In doing this the very first place to which they naturally look for information is in the advertising columns of the Gazette, and merchants who have holiday articles for sale should see that their wares are duly noted therein. "A word to the wise is sufficient."

**PIONEER MILLS**—The following is the bill for the relief of W. H. Newman and L. A. Van Hoffman, owners of the Pioneer Mills in this city, which was favorably reported from the Committee on War Claims, to the House of Representatives, yesterday, but was overruled Friday night, on objection by Mr. Butler.

Be it enacted, &c., That the Secretary of the Treasury be and he is hereby authorized and directed, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to pay to W. H. Newman and L. A. Van Hoffman the sum of \$100,000, in full compensation for the loss of their mills and other property, for the use of the Pioneer Mills in Alexandria, Virginia, by the United States authorities during the late war.

The report of the committee is as follows: The claim of the owners of the Pioneer Mills, in the city of Alexandria, Virginia, who lost their mills and other property, for the use of the Pioneer Mills in Alexandria, Virginia, by the United States authorities during the late war.

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**ATTEMPT TO BREAK JAIL.**—Last night about eleven o'clock City Sergeant Lucas heard a smothered sound, as of sawing, proceeding from the interior of the jail. Placing Mr. Ford, the turnkey, on guard, he entered the corridor leading to the cells and found that Ben Blumheim, Richard Carter and John Williams, all colored, had succeeded in sawing away the bars in their cell door and getting out, and had also nearly succeeded in sawing out the bars of the window leading to the jail yard. They had their blankets and clothing all in the corridor prepared for flight. The men attempted to hide, but were soon discovered and put in the dungeons. This morning they were searched, and two knives, which had teeth cut in them, and had been used as saws, were found. They confessed to the Sergeant that they had been at work for about three weeks, covering up the marks of their work, with soap and whitewash. All three of the men are notorious characters, Blumheim and Carter being confined for robbery and Williams for aiding a prisoner to escape.

**DISASTER.**—The New York Herald says: "A letter from Captain A. J. Hall, of the Armida Hall, from Portland for Cardenas (before reported) states that the vessel went on Grand Reef November 9, and was afterward driven over the reef, when she lay at anchor, full of water. Captain Hall proceeded to Nassau, N. P., 210 miles distant, where he secured the services of a steamer to tow the schooner to that port, leaving Nassau for the vessel Nov. 24. On her arrival she will be discharged and taken out to ascertain and repair damage. Captain Hall writes that he had a succession of gales after leaving Portland, Oct. 23, and on the 6th day, lost their supply of water and part of deckload. They were without water three days and suffered greatly in consequence."

The Armida Hall is one of the regular coal traders from this port.

**SWINDLE.**—A rather respectable looking stranger, with dark hair and swarthy complexion, was in this city to day engaged in trying to swindle restaurant and eating house keepers. His plan was to order various eatables and drinkables, and when they were prepared to suddenly discover that he had lost his money, and leave the house. Several persons were cheated by him, but he escaped without ostigation or arrest.

**LECTURE LAST NIGHT.**—Dr. Peck received last night the compliment—a very unusual one in this city—of quite a large audience to hear his lecture on "Young Blood," at the M. E. Church. The Doctor was already a favorite with Alexandria audiences, and last night's lecture added many to the number of his admirers. He seemed to almost excel himself.

**HEAVY FREIGHTS.**—The various river steamers which arrive daily at this port are now bringing up very heavy freights, and are often detained until a late hour of the night. The steamer Mattow did not arrive until 11 o'clock last night, and was over an hour discharging her large freight.

**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION.**—To day was celebrated in the Catholic Church, as the festival of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is the patronal feast of the Church in the United States and is observed as a holiday of obligation. Services were held in St. Mary's Church at 6 and 10 a. m.

**READING.**—The first of the series of readings before the children of the public schools, by Prof. Siddons, took place at Peabody Hall, last night. A large number of the children, together with their teachers and other friends, were present and the reading was apparently much enjoyed.

**RELIEF HOOK AND LADDER CO.**—The regular monthly meeting of the Relief Hook and Ladder Company was held last night, with E. H. O'Brien in the chair and W. K. Davidson, secretary. The business transacted was entirely of a routine character and of no public interest.

**THE COAL TRADE.**—Owing to the damage to the C. & O. Canal by the recent flood there have been no receipts of coal here this week. The following shipments were made from the stocks on hand:—American Coal Co., 2,370 tons, and J. P. Arnold & Co., 600 tons.

**POLICE ITEMS.**—There were no cases at the Mayor's or either of the Magistrate's offices, this morning.

**Local Irregularities.**  
 Mr. Atwell, who is working the land at Roslyn, where gold was recently discovered, yesterday found a piece of quartz from which sixteen penny weight of gold were extracted.

The body of the second of the two children of Mr. Houser who were drowned near Leesburg during the recent flood, has been recovered.

The Virginia Midland Railroad Company is now taking away the old and putting a new bridge over the Rapidan at Rapidan Station.

The best reform in domestic life is without doubt the introduction of Dr. Ball's Baby Syrup. Where it is known no more laudacious claim is given to the Babies. It sells for 25 cents.

Ask your druggist for Lodel's Headache Specific. It cures headache in 5 to 20 minutes. Costs but 50c. Sold by every druggist in Alexandria. Durand's Rheumatic Remedy cures rheumatism without fail. dec 6-1f

For a nice Christmas present, buy one of those \$3 Silk Umbrellas at the Boss Clothing House. dec 5-1f

An adjourned meeting of the Society of Ostracod of St. John's Academy, will be held in the lecture room on Monday night, at 8 o'clock. Arrangements are to be made for the annual re-union, a full attendance is requested. A. W. ARMSTRONG, Sec'y. dec 8-2

**BOARDING.**  
 WITH LODGING,  
 AND  
 TABLE BOARDERS.  
 UPON REASONABLE TERMS.  
 Address P. Q. at this office. dec 8-1f

**TOYS! HOLIDAY PRESENTS.**  
 Just received Christmas Drums, Toys, Wash Tub Sets, with a Chair large enough for a child to sit on, Cradles, Bobbies, Wagons, Sleighs, Combs, Brushes, Frames of all sizes, Centre Tables, large size Seafs, Ruching, Ribbons, &c., &c., all at low prices. FRIGUSON & BRO. dec 8

**WOODLAWN AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY CERTIFICATES.**—Those who are entitled to certificates of merit for articles exhibited at the fair in September may get them by calling at the store of ROBERT BELL, 61 King street. dec 8

**MALAGA GRAPES** for sale low by F. J. DAVIDSON, 147 King street. dec 8

**FRESH NUTS**, of all kind, very low F. J. DAVIDSON, 147 King street. dec 8

**THE BEST PREPARATION FOR THE HOLIDAYS—MORRIS' GENUINE ENGLISH PLUM PUDDING.** For sale by G. RO. MCBURNEY & SON. (dec 1)

**APPLES AND PEACH BUTTER** and Currant Jelly, in small buckets, for sale low at. RAMSAYS. (dec 1)

**CHILDREN'S TEA AND DINNER SETS** for sale low at. E. J. MILLER & CO'S. (dec 1)

**A FULL LINE OF FANCY GOODS** rec'd. this day. E. J. MILLER & CO. (dec 1)

**SHREDDED COD FISH**, just received by J. C. & E. MILBURN. (dec 3)

**NEW JERSEY WINE IN THIS STATE.**—Produce dealers find that the wines now produced and offered for sale by Mr. Alfred Speer, of New Jersey, are wines that can be safely used for medicinal purposes, being pure and free from medication. dec 6-3f

**THE "CORNER," S. W. OF KING AND FAIRFAX STREETS.** DEALER, is the only place to buy FIRST CLASS MERCHANT TAILORS' CLOTHING ready made. First Class Dress Suits \$30, \$25, \$20, &c. Business Suits, \$50, \$40, \$30, \$20, \$15, \$10, &c. Overcoats of Fine Imported Beaver, Satin Lined, \$40. Do. Cut Beaver, both sides visible, \$25. French Worsted \$27. Beavers \$18, \$15, \$12, \$10 and \$8. Finest French Broad Cloth Coats, Sateen Lined, \$30 and down to \$5. Disregard Cost and Vest of Finest French Worsted \$25 down to \$8, &c.

**IN FINE CLOTHING** you can save 34 per cent and get the equal of all respects to merchant tailors, and my CHEAP CLOTHING is the cheapest in the market.

S. DEALHAM, 62 King st., corner Fairfax. oct 5

**How it is DONE.**—The first object in life with the American people is to "get rich," the second, how to retain good health. The first can be obtained by energy, honesty and saving; the second (good health) by using GREEN'S AUGUST FLOWER. Should you be a dependent sufferer from any of the effects of Dyspepsia, Liver Complaint, Indigestion, &c., such as Sick Headache, Palpitation of the Heart, Sour Stomach, Habitual Constipation, Dizziness of the Head, Nervous Prostration, Low Spirits, &c., you need not suffer another day. Two doses of August Flower will relieve you at once! Sample bottles 10 cts; regular size 75 cts. Positively sold by all first class Druggists in the United States. sep 20-ly

**CLEANSE THE SYSTEM** and purify the blood. QUIRK'S IRISH Tonic, Constipation, and all diseases caused by derangement of the Stomach or Liver. Sold by Druggists. Twenty-five cents per package, making one quart of medicine, a tea cup of which is a dose.

**HARD TIMES** demand economy. Practice it. Renovate your soiled gloves with QUIRK'S IRON RUST REMOVER. It will remove all dirt and grime from your gloves. Sold by Druggists. 25 cents per bottle. sep 20-ly

**TEETH**, if not kept clean, soon decay. Young people, remember this. Use daily THURSTON'S IVORY PEARL TOOTH POWDER. It will preserve your teeth. Sold by Druggists. 25 cents per bottle. sep 20-ly

**LEGAL NOTICE.**  
 In the Corporation Court of Alexandria city, August term, 1877.  
 In Chancery.  
 John's adm'r, et al's, vs. et al's.

The Court doth recommend this cause to Commissioner A. W. Chilton to ascertain and report the amounts now due on the debts secured by deed from James Fossitt and wife to B. H. Barry, dated the 8th day of October, 1870, and recorded in Liber H. No. 3, folio 401, and records of Alexandria; also all other holding liens against the real estate conveyed in said deed; and also the parties to this cause, and all other persons concerned in the foregoing.

You are hereby notified that I have appointed SATURDAY, the 6th day of January, 1878, at my office, in the Market Building, Alexandria, Virginia, for ascertaining and reporting the amounts now due on the debts secured by deed from James Fossitt and wife to B. H. Barry, dated the 8th day of October, 1870, and for ascertaining and reporting all other liens upon the real estate conveyed in said deed, as ordered by the said decree, at which time and place you are required to attend.

Given under my hand, as Commissioner in Chancery of the said Court, this 6th day of December, 1877. A. W. CHILTON, Comm'r. in Chancery.

**COMMISSIONER'S NOTICE.**  
 In the Corporation Court of Alexandria city, November term, 1877.  
 Margaret, Welman, J. Monroe Newton, in his own right and as executor of E. L. Muir, plaintiff, against: Elias G. Adam, Jane Muir, McCormick and M. T. Lucas, guardians ad litem of said Muir, M. McCormick, defendants. In Chancery.

The Court doth order that this cause be referred to one of the Master Commissioners of this Court, who shall inquire into and report to this Court the amount claimed by said E. L. Muir, and also state and settle the account of the executor, J. Monroe Newton; and the said Commissioner shall also inquire and report whether or not the said E. L. Muir died indebted, and if so, to whom, the amount and character of such indebtedness, with the proofs thereof, and also as to any other matters pertinent to the subject, and which may be requested by any of the parties interested in this cause, and also as to the amount of the time and place of executing the same, which publication shall be equivalent to personal service upon creditors and all parties interested therein. —Ect. from decree Nov 8, 1877.

**COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE.**  
 Alexandria, Va., Dec'r 6, 1877.  
 To all persons whose debts are secured by deed from James Fossitt and wife to B. H. Barry, dated the 8th day of October, 1870, and recorded in Liber H. No. 3, folio 401, and records of Alexandria; also all other holding liens against the real estate conveyed in said deed; and also the parties to this cause, and all other persons concerned in the foregoing.

You are hereby notified that I have appointed SATURDAY, the 6th day of January, 1878, at my office, in the Market Building, Alexandria, Virginia, for ascertaining and reporting the amounts now due on the debts secured by deed from James Fossitt and wife to B. H. Barry, dated the 8th day of October, 1870, and for ascertaining and reporting all other liens upon the real estate conveyed in said deed, as ordered by the said decree, at which time and place you are required to attend.

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**COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE.**  
 Alexandria, Virginia, Nov. 26, 1877.  
 To the creditors of E. L. Muir, deceased, the parties to said suit, and all others concerned in the foregoing decree.

You are hereby notified that I have appointed WEDNESDAY, the 24 day of January, 1878, at my office, in the Market Building, Alexandria, Virginia, for receiving proofs of debts or demands against the said E. L. Muir, or his estate, and to execute the inquiries directed to be made by the foregoing decree, at which time and place you are required to attend.

Given under my hand, as Commissioner in Chancery of the said Court, this 4th day and year first aforesaid. A. W. CHILTON, Commissioner in Chancery.

**NOTICE.—TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.**—Take notice that I shall move the Corporation Court of Alexandria, Virginia, on Monday, the 24 day of January, 1878, to appoint a trustee, in the place of Charles Scott, deceased, who was trustee in a certain deed made by the late Jane Dade to secure the payment of the note therein mentioned to Ann Turpin, deceased, which deed will be found recorded in Liber 22, folio 24, of the records of the land records of Alexandria city, Virginia. nov 22-w4w

**VIRGINIA.**—At Rules held in the Clerk's office of the Corporation Court of the city of Alexandria, on the 6th day of November 1877.  
 J. T. H. Hall } Chancery and attachment.  
 vs. Austen P. Brown }  
 M. M. The object of this suit is to obtain a decree against the said Austen P. Brown for the sum of \$1,177.51, with interest thereon from the 23d day of October, 1877, until paid, and to attach the same against the personal property, real estate, title and estate of the said Austen P. Brown in and to the schooner Helen H. Gott.

The defendant not having entered his appearance and given security according to the act of Assembly and the rules of this Court, and it appearing by affidavit that he is not a resident of this State, it is ordered that the said defendant appear here within one month after due publication of this order, and do what is necessary to protect his interest in this suit; and that the clerk of this Court do forthwith insert in the Alexandria Gazette, a newspaper published in the city of Alexandria, once a week for four successive weeks, and posted at the front door of the Court House of this city.

MORTON MARVE, Clerk. Cloughdon & Sharp, p. q. nov 17-w4w

## MEETINGS.

**NOTICE.**—The Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of the UPPER POTOMAC STEAMBOAT CO. will take place on WEDNESDAY, the 9th day of January, 1878, at ten o'clock, at the Alexandria House, cor. of Prince and St. Asaphs, Alexandria, Va. nov 14-1f

**TO THE STOCKHOLDERS OF THE ARINGTON TURNPIKE CO.**—We the undersigned, stockholders of the Arlington Turnpike Company, holding more than one tenth of the capital stock of the said company, hereby give notice that a general meeting of the stockholders of the company is called to be held at Columbia School House, Arlington, on SATURDAY, the 15th day of December, at 4 o'clock p. m.

H. D. Smith, F. E. Corbett, S. B. Corbett, M. C. Munson, Geo. Buttiger, Harvey Bailey, Geo. W. Gray, B. F. Barrows. [Nov 7-1d]

## PROPOSALS.

**SEALED PROPOSALS, ADDRESSED TO** the undersigned, will be received at the Auditor's office until 12 o'clock p. m. on MONDAY, the 10th day of December, 1877, for furnishing WHITE OAK TIMBER for repairing the corporation wharf, now used by the American Coal Company, at the intersection of Oronoco and Union streets, to wit:

41,000 feet of merchantable White Oak Plank, measured for flooring, length 16, 21, 23, 31 and 36 feet, with 6 to 10 inches, and 4 inches thick; also TWO PILES each 55 feet in length, and 10 piles each 45 feet in length, the piles to be of white oak, and not less than 9 inches in diameter at the small end, and 12 inches at the large end. The timber to be delivered at the coal company's wharf and subject to inspection. The right to reject any or all bids is reserved. Further information made known on application to JOHN T. ARMSTRONG, Oct'n. Com. on Pub. Pro. nov 30-1d

## FOR THE HOLIDAYS.

**TOYS! TOYS!**  
 LARGEST ASSORTMENT IN THE CITY!  
 Also a full line of CONFECTIONERY.

Th. Gerhard, 10 N. Royal st. [Nov 30-1f]

**HOLIDAY PRESENTS.**—A great variety of FANCY CHINA, just received and for sale low. We advise our friends and the public to call and carefully examine the stock. nov 30 E. J. MILLER & CO, 65 King st

## FISH, OYSTERS, &amp;c.

WM. H. SMITH, SAM'L SMITH, WILLIAM H. SMITH & CO., Dealers in PRODUCE, FISH AND OYSTERS. No. 18 North Royal street, (Market Building) Alexandria, Virginia.

Having completed our arrangements for the Produce, Oyster and Fish business, we are now prepared to furnish the trade with anything in our line at prices to suit.

We will also receive fresh SALT WATER FISH three times a week, which will be offered for sale at stall No. 3, City Market, by Mr. J. G. GIMBES. Orders will receive our special attention. aug 1

## STOVES AND TINWARE.

**STANBURY & BRO.,** Manufacturers and Dealers in STOVES AND TINWARE. Cor. King and Columbus sts.

We have just received a fine supply of Cook Stoves, Parlor Stoves and Ranges, which we offer very cheap. Prompt attention given to all work entrusted to our care at prices to suit. Gas stoves—such as Cooking, Spouting, Ranging, &c.—and all kinds of work, such as repairing Fire Place Stoves, Parlor, Dining Room and Cook Stoves, also Roofing, Gutting and Spouting, have been greatly enlarged and improved, enabling me to do such work at the lowest prices. sep 19

## THOS. HOY'S

**NEW STOVE STORE**  
 S. W. COR. KING & ST. ASAPH STS.  
 Having removed into my new store with a large stock of STOVES of every description and an endless variety of TINWARE and other goods kept in that line, I invite those in want of such goods to call and examine my stock, believing I can satisfy them both in price, kind and quality. My facilities for doing all kinds of work, such as repairing Fire Place Stoves, Parlor, Dining Room and Cook Stoves, also Roofing, Gutting and Spouting, have been greatly enlarged and improved, enabling me to do such work at the lowest prices. sep 19

## WINTER! WINTER!

Saturday, December 1, 1877.  
 We invite attention to a large apartment of White and Colored Blankets, Embroidered and Plain Crib Blankets, Comforts, Bedding and Linen, Towels, very cheap, Ladies' Woolen Jackets, Shakes, Flannels, Splendid Stock of Ladies' Felt and Cloth Skirts, some very handsome, Men's Over Shirts, Gloves, Socks, Cravats, Suspenders and Collars, together with a great many other cheap goods.

D. F. BRASHEAR, No. 109 King street, Alexandria, Va. dec 1

## CLARKES

**AMMONIATED BONE SUPER PHOSPHATE**  
 TURNER'S EXCELSIOR and TURNER'S AMMONIATED BONE SUPER PHOSPHATE.  
 AT LOWEST PRICE BY  
 AUL-11 R. M. LAWSON & JAMIESON

## M. E. CHURCH.

The following LECTURES will be delivered in the above church:  
 Dec. 14—Rev. C. M. Grilling, "The Geography of the State of Matrimony."  
 Dec. 21—Rev. Dr. Peck, "Night Life Among Young Men."

Tickets for the course 75 cents. Admission to single lecture 25 cts. nov 21-2awd W. C. WEBB, Past or.

## NOTICE.

Having made arrangement to close up my business on or before the 1st day of February next, I will from this date sell my stock of DRY GOODS AT COST FOR CASH. I invite all in want of goods to give me an early call.

## WM. N. BERKLEY.

**BED BLANKETS.**—Splendid assortment of A. C. Counterpanes, also a few Colored and White Counterpanes. dec 4-1m WM. N. BERKLEY.

## APPLES! APPLES!

Received this day 50 barrels NEW YORK PACKED APPLES. Different assortments, for sale at the store, No. 16 North Fairfax street. G. E. PRICE. dec 7

## GEYSER WATER!

Price 20 cents per bottle at WARFIELD & HALL'S, Corner Prince and Fairfax streets. dec 7

## SARATOGA WATER

(Geyser Spout) at 20 cts. per bottle at WARFIELD & HALL'S, Corner Prince and Fairfax streets. dec 7

## SHOWS AT COST.

Also a good lot of TOWELS. WM. N. BERKLEY. dec 7

## FRESH CANNED TOMATOES

2 and 3 lb. cans, for sale cheap by J. C. & E. MILBURN. nov 27

## AUCTION SALES.

**ASSIGNEE'S SALE OF VALUABLE REAL ESTATE.**—By virtue of a decree of the District Court of the United States for